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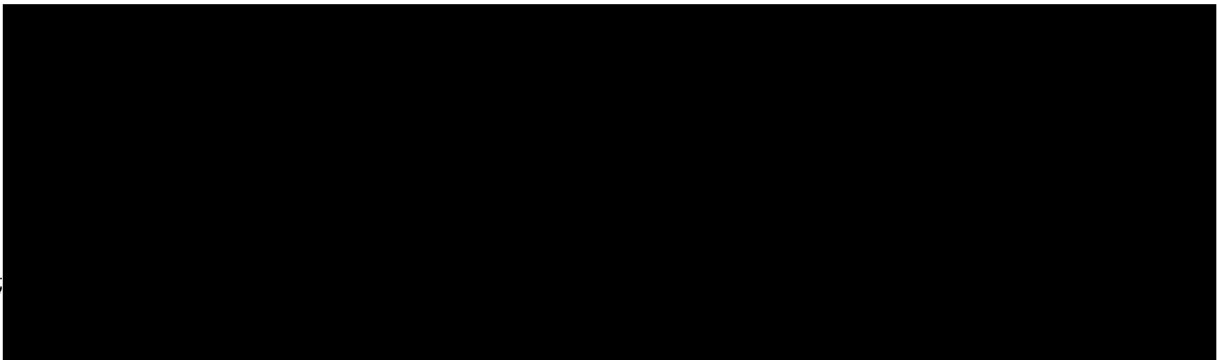
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1. a. A mine-free shipping channel 300 meters wide is reported as extending from Hiin Ristna, western area of Dagö Island, to the Gulf of Tallinn. Two warning buoys have been placed approximately to the north of Ristna. The coordinates of the northernmost buoy are given as 59°14'7" north and 21°55' east; the buoy to the south is placed at 59°05' north and 21°55'5" east.

b. A short distance to the east of these warning buoys the mine-free channel begins, its course is marked by buoys placed at 10-mile intervals. The coordinates of these marking buoys are given as follows:

		North		East
Buoy No. 1	Coordinates	59°10'1"	-	21°56'8"
" " 2	"	59°13'6"	-	22°14'1"
" " 3	"	59°17'2"	-	22°31'7"
" " 4	"	59°19'8"	-	22°51'3"
" " 5	"	59°22'4"	-	23°11'
" " 6	"	59°25'	-	23°30'5"
" " 7	"	59°27'4"	-	23°50'7"
" " 8	"	59°30'	-	24°10'

" " 9 is a pair of buoys at the tip of Smuropi between which passage must be made. This area is especially suspect. Coordinates are 59°30' 25" north and 24°20' east.

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Buoy No. 10 is also a pair located between Paljassaar and Naissaar between which passage must be made. Coordinates are 59°30'25" north and 24°32'6" east. From this point to the Gulf of Finland, and in the Gulf itself, the course for shipping was free.

2. The shipping route from Tallinn to Loksa follows a route from the Gulf of Tallinn to a buoy placed at the northern tip of Aegna Island, from there continuing a course along the south side of the "Kuradi-Madalik" to a point between the islands of Keri and Prangli, continuing on a straight course to the tip of Juminda; the route passes about two miles from the shore. A straight course is then available to Loksa.

3. A mine-free channel into the harbor of Klaipeda is also marked by buoys. Moving from the sea, the coordinates of the buoys are as follows:

No. 1 56°06' north - 19°22' east

No. 2 55°51' " - 19°37'5" east

No. 3 55°44'1" north - 20°55' east

Upon passing the No. 3 buoy, the course is given as 93.5° forward; it is obstructed only by a submerged wreck about 400 meters from the shore.

4. Entrance to the Gulf of Riga is possible only along the shores of Latvia. The channel passes about 1.5 miles off shore along a marked line. No details are available.
5. The Hari Kurk (Hari Strait) between Dagõ and Vormsi is closed for traffic. All traffic is passed through Voosi Kurk (Voosi Strait).

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